## Congress of the United States Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable John Kerry Secretary of State U.S. Department of State Washington D.C. 20520

The Honorable Jeh Johnson Secretary of Homeland Security Department of Homeland Security Washington, D.C. 20528

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Dear Secretary Kerry and Secretary Johnson,

We write to ensure that you are aware that sisters Jenny Freire Rosabal and Sally Freire Lachicott, who have been actively involved in oppressing pro-democracy and human rights activists in Cuba, have entered the United States. We also request, within all applicable rules and regulations, that you assess whether they should have been granted U.S. entry and permitted to remain.

Press reports uncovered a 2012 video that clearly reveals Freire Rosabal participating in an aggressive "act of repudiation" against pro-democracy activists in the home of Yoan David Gonzalez, who just recently came to the United States as a refugee. Prior to Freire Rosabal's attack on the activists' home, the activists had been protesting the 1994 tugboat massacre where dozens of innocent Cubans died while attempting to escape the Castro regime's oppression. A photograph shows her sister, Sally Freire Lachicott, holding a sign while participating in the act of repudiation in Cuba as well. Another video apparently shows Jenny Freire Rosabal demonstrating on behalf of *chavismo* in Venezuela.

- U.S. law has at least three provisions in place to prohibit Castro agents or others who participate in human rights abuses from entering the United States:
  - (1) Section 102(e) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity Act (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996 (PL 104-114) states, "It is the sense of the Congress that the President should instruct the Secretary of State and the Attorney General to enforce fully existing regulations to deny visas to Cuban nationals considered by the Secretary of State to be officers or employees of the Cuban Government or of the Communist Party of Cuba."
  - (2) Section 1 of Presidential Proclamation 5377 prohibits nonimmigrant entry of "(a) officers or employees of the Government of Cuba or the Communist Party of Cuba holding diplomatic or official passports; and (b) individuals who, notwithstanding the type of passport that they hold, are considered by the Secretary of State or his designee to be officers or employees of the Government of Cuba or the Communist Party of Cuba.

(3) President Obama's own Presidential Proclamation 8697 aims to "close the gap" so that human rights abusers are not permitted U.S. entry.

With the videos and photographs that have come to light in the press concerning the Freire sisters, significant evidence exists to consider whether they are Castro agents as referenced in Section 102(e) of the LIBERTAD Act and Presidential Proclamation 5377, and whether they should have been prohibited U.S. entry as a human rights abusers under Presidential Proclamation 8697. Furthermore, if they were not truthful in representations to USCIS, they are inadmissible under Section 212 (a)(6)(C)(i) of the INA. ("Any alien who, by fraud or willfully misrepresenting a material fact, seeks to procure (or has sought to procure or has procured) a visa, other documentation, or admission into the United States or other benefit provided under this Act is inadmissible.")

For these reasons, we respectfully request that you look into the troubling cases of Jenny Freire Rosabal and Sally Freire Lachicott, and any others who may have accompanied them, to assess whether they should have been granted U.S. entry and whether they should be permitted to stay.

Mario Diaz-Balart

Member of Congress

Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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